LEGISLATION AND GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS

Thursday, May 15, 2008

Summary Minutes

Members Present:

Councilmember Dan Furtado, City of Campbell
Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson, County of San Mateo, ABAG President
Vice Mayor Surlene Grant, City of San Leandro
Supervisor Scott Haggerty, County of Alameda
Supervisor Mike Kerns, County of Sonoma
Councilmember Carole D. Knutson, City of Novato, Vice Chair
Supervisor Barbara Kondylis, County of Solano
Mayor Gwen Regalia, City of Walnut Creek
Councilmember Arne Simonsen, City of Antioch
Mayor Mark Green, Union City, ABAG Vice President
Supervisor Mark Luce, County of Napa

Staff Present:

Henry Gardner—ABAG Ken Moy--ABAG Laura Thompson – ABAG Kathleen Cha – ABAG

1. Introductions: Vice Chair Councilmember Carole D. Knutson opened the meeting at 3:40.

2. Minutes: March 20, 2008, minutes were approved.

3. Reconsideration of AB 2094 (DeSAULNIER): San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission

After a lengthy discussion that included comments from Will Travis for BCDC, the committee moved to Support AB 2094 with the following amendment: that the 7 representatives appointed by BCDC would have a majority of elected officials. (e.g. 4 elected-3 non elected)

4. Eminent Domain Propositions 98 and 99

Amy O'Gorman, Regional Manager, League of California Cities, provided a brief overview of Propositions 98 and 99.

Motion: The committee moved to recommend opposing Proposition 98, and supporting Proposition 99.

5. 2008 Legislative Session—Bills for Review

The following bills were discussed and the L&GO Committee recommended the following actions and positions:

AB 2954 Lieber & Hancock: San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority

Before taking a position on this bill, the Committee moved to have President Rose Jacobs Gibson appoint a sub committee to meet further with bill sponsor Save the Bay Executive Director Dave Lewis who was present at this meeting, and follow-up with legislators to clarify issues and concerns about the set up of the Authority, funding, and ABAG's role.

It was recommended that a representative of the Bay Trail would be included in this sub-committee.

The Committee Recommended Support for the following bills:

AB 38 Nava: Department of Emergency Services and Homeland Security

Would consolidate the offices of Emergency Services and Homeland Security into a new department to be headed by a Secretary of Emergency Services and Homeland Security need allocation (RHNA) share during a planning period, to count the excess units toward meeting its share in the subsequent planning period.

SB 900 Corbett: Mobile Home Parks—Conversion

Would close the loophole within rental to resident ownership conversion of mobile homes to ensure adequate local scrutiny and to allow local rent control ordinances to keep mobile homes at an affordable rate.

SB 1731 Yee: Vehicles—Fees—Metropolitan Transportation Commission: Congestion Mitigation:

Authorizes MTC to add a \$1 surcharge to the motor vehicle registration fee for congestion mitigation purposes in the nine Bay Area counties. Sponsor is MTC.

The Committee recommended Oppose positions for the following bills:

AB 2093 Jones: General Plan—Mandatory Elements

Would require that policies to reduce emission of greenhouse gases be required in six of seven mandatory elements of general plans. Bill is premature and unwarranted since policies are still being formed and that these issues will be part of the implementation of AB 32.

AB 3005 Jones: Community Development Mitigation Fees

Do not support reducing traffic impact fees based on general and vague criteria related to reduction of car trips generated due to a proposed housing development

Position Pending:

AB 2280 Saldana & Caballero: Density Bonus: Position pending

Because of the complexity and scope of the technical changes and clarifying requirements proposed for current Density Bonus law contained in this bill, the committee requested that additional briefing and discussion be provided at the next L&GO meeting.

SB 1732 Romero: Local Agencies—Position pending clarification of bill's intention

SB 1124 Com/Local Governments: Local Government Omnibus Act of 2008 – No position-neutral

AB 2513 Caballero: Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund of 2006—Allocation of Funds—Regional Housing Need Share: Did not finalize position—Ran out of time

6. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 5 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for July 17, 2008.